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CONSTRUCTION NEWS RELEASE

LANE SHIFT I-57 Union/Pulaski Counties

The Illinois Department of Transportation would like to alert motorists of an upcoming lane shift on I-57 in Union and Pulaski Counties.

Beginning Friday, September 18th, 2015 at 1:00 P.M., weather permitting, all traffic on I-57 from just north of the Illinois 146 interchange (MP 32) to just south of the Dongola interchange (MP 22) will be shifted to the southbound lanes. Traffic will be in a head-to-head configuration with one lane for each direction of travel.

Ramps within this section will be affected as follows: Access to the Dongola interchange will be open to southbound traffic; the northbound off-ramp will be open, the northbound on-ramp will be closed. The US 51 northbound exit will remain closed to all traffic while the US 51 southbound entrance ramp will be re-opened. Trail of Tears Rest Area will be closed to all traffic. The Illinois 146 interchange will remain open for all directions of travel.

This traffic configuration will be in place until November 15 to facilitate construction of new concrete pavement in the northbound lanes. Motorists should use extreme caution through this work zone and be aware of speed reductions and traffic control devices.

Please slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.

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